



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

**DEC Contact:**

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**Draft Permit Public Notice Period**

Public Notice Start Date: March 27, 2014  
Public Notice Expiration Date: April 28, 2014 @ 5 pm

**Permit Number:**

AK0052566

**Applicant:**

Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science  
Alaska SeaLife Center  
301 Railway Ave  
Seward, AK

**Proposed Project and Location:**

Facility Activity: The Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science (SSAMS) operates the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) and the adjoining Steller South Beach Facility (SSBF) in Seward, Alaska. The ASLC generates and shares scientific knowledge that promotes understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystem.

The ASLC facility contains sea water and fresh water systems that support two large marine mammal, one seabird habitat, indoor and outdoor research pools, rescue and rehabilitation tanks and pools, and numerous aquaria. Ozone disinfection systems are provided on the marine mammal and marine bird habitat recirculating life support systems, and on the contaminated waste water discharge systems.

The SSBF has four pools containing a combined 28,942 gallons and has been used intermittently as a short term marine animal holding facility. The SSBF discharge water is untreated and no chemicals are added to the effluent.

Discharge Location: Discharge is from two outfalls, both located in Resurrection Bay.

Description of Discharge: The ASLC can discharge up to 8.1 million gallons per day (MGD) and is referred to as Outfall 001A. The discharge will be monitored for flow, fecal coliform bacteria, Enterococci bacteria, pH, and dissolved oxygen.

The SSBF, when in use, has a continual flow of seawater up to 1.7 MGD and is referred to as Outfall 002A. The discharge will be monitored for flow, fecal coliform bacteria, Enterococci bacteria and pH.

Mixing Zone: A mixing zone was not requested.

**Tentative Determination:**

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

**Public Comments:**

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments and requests to the attention of Shonda Oderkirk at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision, and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:  
April 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. AST**

**Administrative Record:**

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Shonda Oderkirk.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.  
[http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes\\_email\\_list.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes_email_list.htm)

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